

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 20 as follows:

The construction of the receiver tube 12 includes a reinforcement flange 26, which extends completely around the outermost peripheral edge. The reinforcement flange 26 is best illustrated in Figure 3 wherein it is shown that the reinforcement flange 26 is formed of two thicknesses of the wall of the tube 12 including the outermost end portion 28 which is folded against another thickness 30. The resultant reinforcement includes the peripheral outwardly extending flange 26 formed of the thicknesses 28 and 30 folded on themselves at the end of the tube 12. The reinforcement flange 26 has an inner dimension which is the same and typically slightly larger than the inner dimension of the tube 12 and an outer dimension greater than the outer dimension of the outer surface of the tube 12. The folded thicknesses 28, 30 result in an outer peripheral surface of the reinforcement flange 26 which is rounded as most clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Rounded as used herein is meant to mean orbicular or protuberant, for example.